

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4-9 and 11 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 2, 4-8 and 11 and cancels Claims 1, 3 and 10.

In the outstanding Office Action, the title of the invention was objected to as non-descriptive. Claims 1, 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Arimoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,743,778). Claims 5-7 were allowed. Claims 3-4 and 9-11 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the Title of the invention, the Title is amended to be more descriptive.

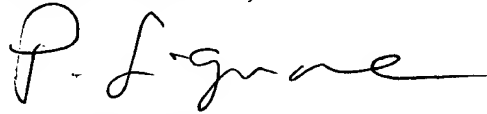
In response to the rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 8, Applicants traverse the rejection. However, in the spirit of moving prosecution forward for the present application, Claim 2 is amended to include features from allowable Claim 3, and Claim 8 is amended to include features of allowable Claim 10. Accordingly, Claims 2 and 8, and thus Claims 4, 9 and 11 which depend therefrom, are allowable. Applicants reserve the right to present original Claims 1, 2 and 8 or similar claims, in a continuation application and to address any traversed issues in such application. Additionally, Claims 1, 3 and 10 are cancelled.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 2, 4-9 and 11 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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